

eye. Tan intellectual forehead. a sensual mouth—connections which have been established by practical experience. The Jews are generally distinguished by a particular type of features : they also possess a distinctive character which they have preserved during centuries of vicissitude. It may be urged that they have preserved their national culture through these changes. and that to the continuity of their culture should be ascribed the endurance of their distinctive disposition. In preserving or modifying traditional behaviour culture exercises beyond doubt an immense influence. Anglo-Saxons who have settled down amongst lower race squaw-men or beach-combers appear to sink almost to the level of their associates. But there is something in character that is independent of cultured or uncultured habits. We feel that it is absurd to attribute to culture alone the persistence of British characteristics in the white population of North America and Australia, and of Dutch characteristics in the Boers of South Africa.

It is difficult, as has already been observed. to isolate the effects of racial, or hereditary traits from those of artificial conventions that are imposed upon man by the conditions of his environment, or by his culture, especially as there is reason to believe that some racial traits owe their origin to conditions of environment. But in some cases we can make

this analysis.
The in-and-in breeding of the Indian caste system has established or preserved, on a hereditary basis, some variations of the Asiatic physique and temperament. The Bengali Kavasths, for instance, possess a character and features of their own; so do the Mahratta Brahmins (Chitpawans) of the western coast, and the martial caste (Rainuts) of Rajputana. These castes are, each,